GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING OF DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICAL UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Drugs and Pharmaceutical undertakings running into losses/declared sick till date alongwith the losses incurred thereby, undertaking/plant- wise;

(b) whether the Government have set up a committee to look into the revival of above plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof and recommendations made by the committee, plant- wise;

(d) whether Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) provided any revival package for the above undertakings particularly I.D.P.L at Chennai;

(e) if so, the details thereof, undertaking/plant-wise;

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to make these undertakings economically viable;
(g) whether the Government have any proposal to privatise any of the undertaking as part of its Disinvestment Policy; and
(h) if so, the details thereof including the percentage of shares the Government propose to sell and names of the buyers, undertaking/plant-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) The Central Drugs & Pharmaceutical Public Sector Undertakings which have been declared sick are: Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited, Bengal Immunity Limited, Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited. The cumulative losses of these companies on 31.3.1999 were about Rs.1216 Crore, Rs. 134 Crore, Rs. 63 Crore, Rs. 93 Crore and Rs. 59 Crore, respectively.

(b) & (c) Government have not set up a Committee to look into the revival of all the five sick Central PSUs.

(d) to (h) The BIFR approved revival packages for IDPL, BIL, SSPL and BCPL on 10.2.1994, 3.1.1995, 31.8.1994 and 4.4.1995, respectively. The performance being far behind the targets, the sanctioned revival packages of IDPL, BIL and SSPL are not under implementation at present. The revival package for BCPL is under implementation. The future of the companies, including revival, would be determined by the proceedings and the final decision of the BIFR.